The funds provided over three years for purchase of equipment to Central Government Hospitals are as under:

(Rs. In Crores)

Hospital	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Safdarjung Hospital	22.90	20.90	12.99
Dr. RML Hospital and SSK Hospital	7.75	21.25	11.00
LHMC	4.50	5.50	6.00
JIPMER, Puducherry	5.63	45.37	23.33

AIDS Prevention

†1267. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas found to be highly affected with AIDS in the country and the extent of success achieved in preventing the same;

(b) whether Government are aware that women and children are being mostly affected with AIDs and this is happening mostly in those areas where no health services exist; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to identify the AIDS victims and provide them with necessary medical facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per Sentinel Surveillance Report 2005, 140 districts have been categoried as A where HIV prevalence among general population is observed to be more than 1 percent and 47 districts have been categorized as B category where HIV prevalence among high risk population is more than 5 percent. Due to effective interventions the prevalence rate has been sustained at less than 1% for the last three years.

(b) As per the available data, 30.4% and 4.9% of the reported AIDS cases are women and children respectively. Most of the cases have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

reported from high prevalence States such as Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

(c) A total of 4027 Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres have been established in the country for voluntarily knowing the HIV status of the affected person and these centres have been linked with ART centres for providing free treatment to eligible patients. There are at present 107 ART centres in the country providing free treatment to 56,916 paitents as on January, 2007.

Rehabilitation of Leprosy affected persons

1268. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in India there are 1.1 million persons affected by leprosy and the Central and State Governments have not offered any adequate financial package for their rehabilitation;

(b) whether recently the Chennai High Court issued notices to the Centre and State Governments and has directed authorities to submit a report stating wherther they have any scheme or plans for comprehensive rehabilitation and welfare of the leprosy affected persons;

(c) if so, whether both have already submitted their proposals;

(d) the directions received from the Chennai High Court on this issue; and

(e) the steps Government have proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) From the year 1983-84, a estimated 11409631 new leprosy cases were detected in India till December 2006. During this period an estimated 11974351 cases were cured with Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) drugs which are able to cure the disease in 6-12 months. During the last 5 years the number of leprosy cases have declined from 4,39,782 cases in 2001-02 to 95,150 cases in 2005-06 and the Prevalence Rate has declined from 4.2 in March, 2002 to